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## CHAPTER 111.

Passed Feb. 13,1832 An act to incorporate Mechanics Town, in Frederick County.

Incorporated.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the citizens of Mechanics Town, in Frederick county, shall be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate, by the name of the burgess and commissioners of Mechanics Town, with all the privileges of a body corporate, and to have a common seal and perpetual succession.

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Sec. 2. And be enacted, That the free white male citizens of Mechanics town aforesaid, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and having resided in the said town for and during the space of twelve months next preceeding the election, and being free holders within the corporate limits of said town, or being tenants of some freehold within the limits of said corporation during the space of one year preceeding the election, shall, on the first Monday of April next, at the house now occupied as a tavern by Henry Fundenburg, and on the first Monday of April in each and every year hereafter, at such place as shall be designated by the burgess and commissioners, be authorised to elect a burgess and three commissioners for the said town, who shall have resided within the limits of said town twelve months, next preceding the election, and who shall each be the proprietor of a house and lot of ground, within the limits of said town, and be upwards of twenty-one years of age.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That a justice of the peace of

said county, shall appoint by writing under his hand and seal, one judge to hold the first election, who shall keep the polls open from nine o'clock in the morning until two in the evening, and shall conduct the said election in the manner in which the judges of election are now by law directed, to conduct an election for delegates to the general assembly, as far as may be consistent with the provisions of this act, and the said judges shall make return under his hand and

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ty, to be by him safely kept.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the ordinances of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

seal of the persons elected, to the clerk of Frederick coun-

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the burgess at all meetings of the municipality, shall preside, and shall sign all ordinances passed by the commissioners, or a majority of them.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the burgess and commissioners aforesaid may meet together from time to time, 25